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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIA GROUP: TOKYO ON PROPOSED RUSSIAN PLENARY
MEETING

REF: SECSTATE 2956

Classified By: EMIN ROBERT F. CEKUTA, REASONS 1.4 (B), (D), AND (H)

(S) On January 15 ESToff delivered reftel talking points to MOFA Nonproliferation, Science and Nuclear Energy Division Disarmament officer Kaori Mita. She stated the GOJ also believes that the 2008 Australia Group (AG) plenary is not the appropriate venue for an informal meeting with Russia to address Russian membership in the AG. Japan has concerns about Russia's nonproliferation transparency regarding past chemical and biological weapons activities, and therefore does not fully support Russia's participation in the AG. The GOJ is likely to oppose holding a meeting in April.
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